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Minden approves \$12.5M arena renewal in 4-3 vote

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

The Minden Hills arena project is a go. Mayor Brent Devolin broke a tie with his vote of yes to award the \$12.5 million arena renewal contract at a special meeting held Feb. 14.

Councillors Bob Carter, Jennifer Hughey and Pam Sayne voted no, and Councillors Ron Nesbitt, Jean Neville and Deputy-Mayor Lisa Schell voted yes to approve the project. With Devolin's yes, the final vote was 4 – 3.

The arena project, which involves demolishing the current arena, built in 1972, and building a new arena with a 200-foot-long ice rink, bleachers, six change rooms, multipurpose gymnasium, and elevated walking track was awarded to an integrated project delivery team which consists of McDonald Brothers Construction Ltd. and Parkin Architects Limited. The request for proposal was approved in principle by the township's previous council, just before the lame duck period last year in July.

The high cost of the project, the single bid, that a feasibility study was not completed, and that the design does not include a pool has made the issue a contentious one for the

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Red Hawks battle it out against Thunder

Red Hawks captain Owen Smith jockeys for position against Cobourg St. Mary Thunder player Wyatt Brown during Kawartha High School League action on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Hawks, whose lone scorer was defenceman Alex Little, lost 2-1 to the Thunder and a chance to take first place in the league, including a bye through the quarter-finals and the right to host the Kawartha championship. The team will now face a sixth place Kawartha team in a best of two series (away and home), which will be decided with an overtime, if the series is tied after two games. See more photos on page 13. /DARREN LUM Staff

CoKL supports Minden housing project

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The City of Kawartha Lakes will provide funds to support the construction of the second phase of Pinegrove Place, the affordable housing complex near the arena in Minden. The City of Kawartha Lakes is the social

services provider for Haliburton County, and during a Feb. 19 county council meeting, councillors approved a request from the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing

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MH aims for 7% tax levy increase

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

The focus of the second round of budget discussions in Minden Hills looked at what exactly had to be cut to reduce the tax levy increase to a desired seven per cent from 17.64 per cent.

During a Jan. 24 meeting Mayor Brent Devolin said council was “going to have to make some tough decisions this year,” in order to reduce the preliminary tax levy increase. Council directed staff to aim for a levy increase between four per cent up to 10 per cent. Since the January meeting \$842,949 in reductions have been made, for a 2019 draft budget net shortfall of \$554,475 and a seven per cent increase over the 2018 tax levy.

At the Feb. 14 meeting, department heads met with council to discuss where cuts had been made.

Chief building official Colin McKnight listed an approximate cost of a yearly septic inspection program, which is still an unknown number until the project is awarded to a consultant. Councillor Bob Carter questioned how realistic the numbers were.

“This is a budget time, so we should be coming up with a number that is somewhat what we think it’s going to be as opposed to what we hope it’s going to be,” he said. “If we’re just going to put a number down and you know, three months from now you’re going to come to us after doing some more exploration and give us the real number, we should be kind of coming up with a somewhat real number now ... It just seems like we’re taking the lowest number we possibly can to fit into the budget so we can meet a goal as opposed to coming up with a more realistic number.”

“I guess my question is, is there anyone that believes that the number will be what you’re putting in or lower?” asked Carter. “No, it’s definitely going to be more than this,” said McKnight. “I want to have a realistic budget, not one that just meets a certain percentage ... and then three months later when we get the real number we can all act shocked,” said Carter.

Whether or not to cut a pay equity review, and to add an organizational review, elicited a lengthy discussion between councillors.

Carter questioned legislative requirements and noted he didn’t think the pay equity review should be removed.

Councillor Pam Sayne said she had been requesting an organizational review, which would entail a consultant reviewing the township’s department and management structure, for a few years now and recommended it be added to the budget.

Carter said that money should be going into the official plan instead to enable council to define the organization.

“I’m willing to say that the organizational review could be out of this year’s budget, because I think we need an official plan for the community to decide what the organization should be to meet our new plan, our new goals,” said Carter. “I would like us to have an official plan done first and then do the organizational review to help us set up the organization to meet that plan.”

Councillors discussed what a review might look like, and what the cost might be to do so.

“Councillor Sayne’s asked for this for a long time and I think



Minden Hills council met on Thursday, Feb. 14 to discuss the 2019 budget. They met again later in the day to vote on the arena project. / SUE TIFFIN Staff

we need to move on it,” said Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell. “Once we know what we’re looking for.”

“I’d just like to remind council, this is only the second department head session and you have so far put pretty much put everything back in,” said Lorrie Blanchard, CAO and treasurer. “So, something’s gotta go unless you want to go higher...”

Mark Coleman, director of community services, said his department had removed, among other changes, a tennis court project and repairs to the Village Green walkway from the budget.

Mayor Brent Devolin asked if it would be possible to replace the interlocking bricks along the Village Green that were crumbling. Coleman said that had been done twice over the past few years.

“The rate of deterioration is to the point that we can repair what we can but there’s still going to be 50 per cent of the walkway that’s up and down all over the place,” he said.

Emily Stonehouse, economic development, destination and marketing officer, said an André Lapine sculpture worth \$28,000 would be deferred to next year.

Environmental and property operations staff are proposing a four per cent increase per year to user fees for the water system from 2019 to 2024, with a three per cent increase per following year, forecasting to 2040, and recommended that the remaining service life of fire hydrants is one year, meaning there is a higher risk of failure of those assets so a plan for replacements should be implemented immediately.

Interim fire chief Mike Bekking, detailed how the fire department had removed \$50,000 from the budget. Staff doesn’t anticipate hiring a deputy chief before June 1, so wages and benefits were reduced to reflect that hire date. About \$4,000 was saved by reducing the firefighter certification training to two firefighters and one instructor as opposed to three firefighters and two instructors, and \$10,000 of contingency money for equipment as well as \$3,000 of miscellaneous equipment was removed. Deputy chief training expenses were reduced as they are dependent on the qualifications of the new hire.

Roads superintendent Travis Wilson outlined his second draft of the roads department budget, noting some significant cuts. The roads department cut just over \$421,000 from the first draft of the 2019 budget, which now sits at \$3,664,020 and is, as usual, the most expensive portfolio in the budget.

The Sunnybrook Bridge rehabilitation that would include Ontario Structure Inspection Manual-recommended improvements on the vehicular bridge that crosses the Gull River at Minden’s downtown area has been deferred until 2020. The project included replacement of failing retaining walls, replacement of handrails, lighting improvements, barrier free sidewalks and replacement of the asphalt at a cost of \$420,000.

Councillor Bob Carter asked about the level of urgency of repairing the bridge and of any detriment to pushing back a year.

“On this list, other than that bridge, what is it that you’ve taken out that in your professional opinion we really shouldn’t be taking out?”

“Everything?” said Wilson. When Carter asked him to name his favourite, Wilson noted the preventative maintenance of roads.

Reconstruction of IGA Road, Tennyson Road and Plantation Road – three roads noted to be in the poor condition and on a list of roads that receive the most complaints – have been deferred to 2020 budget deliberations. The rehabilitation of 1.1 kilometres of Plantation Road would have cost \$125,300, the cost to rehabilitate 1.9 kilometres of Tennyson Road would have cost \$240,000 and the reconstruction of 0.1 kilometres of IGA Road would have cost between \$290,000 and \$320,000, depending on the final design.

“Council should recognize that there are zero roads proposed for rehabilitation in 2019,” said Wilson in his report.

Resurfacing projects planned for 2019 include slurry seal on Ritchie Falls Road, Red Umbrella Road, Crooked House Road, Reynolds Road and Osprey Road, and single surface treatment with fog seal and minor base repairs on Rackety Trail Road, Little Bob Lake Road, Cox Farm Road, Minden Lake Road and Alfred Road.

“For all preventative maintenance, I have to stress to council, removing any of these from this program, you’re going to have the ones that are beyond point of repair and then you’ll have another Bobcaygeon Road or Tennyson Road. So spend the money now, and you’ll save it later. Otherwise you’re stuck with the 36 kilometres of really poor road that we have.”

“With Infrastructure Ontario or whomever, is there a way that we can sort of work to fund Travis,” asked Carter. “One of our issues is big ticket items that we’ve got and we don’t obviously have the huge reserve fund, but is there a way that, if he is saying, it’s really important to do this and if you don’t do it it could cost you a lot more in the future ... is there a way we can say, let’s borrow the money and spread it out over a few years so we have a lesser impact annually on the budget, or is, and this is to prove that I’m really not an accountant, does that just keep, like building up credit card debt?”

Blanchard said she would follow-up with the government agency to look into options. A representative from IO is tentatively coming as a delegation to the next council meeting.

An ice pulverizer has been added to the roads budget since the first draft.

“Staff believe the purchase of a device to help break up ice from roads would be a valuable tool to have,” said Wilson in his report. “With more significant rain/thaw events, staff believe the ice pulverizer will be a great asset. Additionally to breaking ice, [it] can be utilized to smooth rough sections of loose top road during the summer season.”

Sayne told Wilson she didn’t like to see such a huge budget cut on roads after his work educating council on the importance of keeping on top of their maintenance.

“I’m not happy about these cuts to this budget,” she said. “The other part is that we have issues here that were brought to us by the public, that are not reflected in this. So we go through the whole year, the public brings us stuff, and then we don’t reflect it at budget time.”

She brought up the issue of parking at Devil’s Lake and public access of Bob Lake.

“It’s not something we’re even thinking about, as we do this budget, are all these things that came forward to us in the last year that people are requesting support with,” she said. “I think at budget time it’s time to take that information that we have

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Roads projects on chopping block

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for all the departments of what people are interested in and say, does that reflect in our budget in some way.”

“We put a target and a number that was midrange,” said Devolin. “...What do you sacrifice? I think each one of us has to consider our comfort level of what we’re willing to defend to the public of what is and isn’t out there. This is what seven per cent looks like and roads is a great example ... are there things about sustainability that some of us are not willing to forgo. I’m not answering for the rest of you, but I think in the second and third [draft], that’s probably where the most serious soul-searching about most of what we see here is whether we maybe have to settle for a number higher than we’d like, but whether it’s in our long term best interest and the best policy.”

Councillor Jean Neville said some properties owned by Minden Hills are vacant, but have to be maintained, and could potentially be sold.

“I have never seen a list of our properties that the municipality owns that we have hoarded away and might be quite considerable. We should maybe consider selling some of them off if we’re not using them. That too will increase our tax base if somebody builds a house on them.”

Sayne said there are some ways in which the township could be making buildings more energy efficient for savings, as well.

Carter requested that for the next meeting to discuss budget, staff offer clear examples of what impact cuts this year could have on next year.

“To know what the effects of these decisions are, because when you’re taking them without looking forward it’s a lot easier to make them and not feel guilty or nervous,” said Carter.

Last year’s tax increase in Minden Hills was 8.6 per cent. The next round of budget talks is scheduled for March 14.

John Howard Society offers free technology tutoring

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

It’s easy to get bewildered by technology, whether figuring out how to use a computer, downloading a photo from your smartphone, or watching an online video.

An upcoming Technology Tutoring session will provide answers to many questions, including how to protect oneself against identity theft and online scams.

The session, held by the John Howard Society of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton and funded by Employment Ontario, begins this Friday.

Bob Gaudette, the John Howard Society’s skills development co-ordinator, who was involved with two tech start-ups in the 1990s, said he gets phone calls from his parents, who are 70 and 66, with questions about technology on a weekly basis.

“If this is happening in my family then certainly there are people in the community that maybe they don’t have somebody that is accessible to them to just kind of walk them through the basics,” he said.

Gaudette said the session can be taken as a one-off for people looking for something specific or as multiple sessions accompanied by a learning plan.

“I really want it to keep it flexible and fluid so it’s relevant to people every time they come in,” he said.

The sessions will cater to participants’ needs so they will “bring together a group of individuals from the community and kind of build the curriculum based around what they need the most help with. So it might vary from workshop to workshop and a lot of it will be delivered one-to-one because some people will be coming in and they’re a little more advanced than others,” he said.

Gaudette said people are encouraged to bring their curiosity and their smartphones, tablets and laptops. There will also be equipment to apply what is learned such as laptops and desktops.

Gaudette said he would even help someone with just setting up an email address.

Technology fosters social connections, ensures people remain connected with what is happening, provides access to education, and engagement with loved ones.

The sessions will help participants learn about the pros and cons of online sharing.

“I think with social media some people don’t realize their information is open to everyone if you don’t adjust your privacy settings. So when you’re communicating with your family and friends and you’re posting a picture of your nephew, if you don’t have that information restricted to your immediate group (people that you’ve vetted to see your information) that you’re opening yourself up to identify theft issues ... people are more vulnerable than they might suspect when they’re online,” he said. “I think to go over the basics: How can I not be afraid of this technology? How can I learn to use it so that I can communicate with family and friends but in a way that’s safe?”

The number of Technology Tutoring sessions will be determined by demand.

“We want to start up and see how well-received it is,” he said. “I’m certainly open to dedicating the time to doing it as a weekly event, but we’ll really structure that around community response.”

Technology Tutoring takes place Friday, Feb. 22 in Minden from 2 to 4 p.m. at Outreach Literacy Minden at 14 IGA Road (the same plaza as Godfather’s Pizza). Gaudette encourages people to pre-register with him at bgaudette@jhscklh.on.ca or at 705-328-0472 ext. 921. However, walk-ins are welcome.

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Mar 14 - COTW Meeting

Mar 28 - Regular Meeting of Council

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NOTICE – 2019 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will commence the 3rd Round of its 2019 Budget deliberations during its Committee of the Whole Meeting scheduled for March 14, 2019. The meeting will commence at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.

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Owen Whitteker enjoys some hot chocolate on the cool Friday night event.



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Construction to get underway this spring

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Phase two of the project is to consist of a three-storey, 21-unit building that will include one-, two-, and three-bedroom units. The one-bedroom units are to be 600 square feet in size, the two-bedroom units 810 square feet, and the three-bedroom apartments 1,100 square feet. Four apartments are to be fully accessible units, and the building will also include a main floor common area, laundry room and

elevator. The units will be a mix of affordable and market rent, with affordable rent defined as 80 per cent of market value.

The plan is for construction to get underway in the spring of this year, and for the building to be open for occupancy in spring of 2020.

The project's first phase, a one-storey, 12-unit facility, opened to residents in the summer of 2017.

There are currently 81 subsidized units in Minden, and some 300 households waiting for subsidized accommodations on the centralized waiting list. There are 71 households on the waiting list for market rate housing.

According to the City of Kawartha Lakes, the county has seen a drop in rental supply during the past few years. The Township of Minden Hills has set a target of creating 250 seniors/affordable housing units during the next 20 years.

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Priorities

IT'S BUDGET season, the time of year when municipal councils place things onto and push things off of the proverbial table, deciding what will be implemented for the upcoming year and what will be deferred or scrapped altogether, all while attempting to keep property tax increases at a level that is palatable to residents.

While budget meetings are often long, dry and some might say mind-numbingly boring, they are of course incredibly important. They are the meat and potatoes of municipal politics. They underscore the perennial challenge faced by all municipal governments – providing the necessary services residents

require, evolving the community through amenities that residents want, and doing both of these things in a way that is financially sustainable over the long haul. As I've written countless times in this space, while there are lesser forms of municipal revenue, the property tax is the central revenue-generating tool for local governments, meaning they exist in a framework of great financial constraint, since so much of the money they use to operate comes directly from the pockets of their property taxpayers.

There are varying approaches to the budgeting process. At the upper tier of Haliburton County, for example, a zero-based budgeting approach is employed. This means reviewing each of

the items that are included in any account, and deciding if they are really necessary. It is essentially building a budget from the ground up.

In the Township of Minden Hills, a different approach to budgeting is taken. A wide net is cast, department heads essentially submitting their wish lists for the year, and then councillors get out their butcher knives, trimming fat where they see fit

throughout rounds of budget talks. Starting budget discussions this year with a tax levy increase of more than 17 per cent in the first draft, councillors are now in the process of whittling that increase down to a target of seven per cent.

Certainly, council's

decision to proceed with the \$12.5-million arena project will put a pinch on the Minden Hills budget in this fiscal year and many to come. A number of items are being deferred to 2020 budget discussions. Among these items are more than \$1 million worth of roads projects including \$305,000 for the reconstruction of IGA Road, \$365,000 for the rehabilitation of Tennyson and Plantation Roads, and \$400,000 for work on the Sunnybrook Bridge in downtown Minden.

Budgets are not simply lists of spending items. They are a tightrope act, balancing the needs and wants of residents with financial prudence. They are also a statement by municipal councils on their priorities.

**CHAD INGRAM**
Reporter

Kwarky

*"Climate change is not real. It's fake climate!"*

Wolf howls

ITHINK THE one thing almost every outdoorsman can agree upon is that the further a wolf howl is away, the better it sounds. If you ask me, the best kind is the one that can be drowned out by a gentle breeze.

I have nothing against wolves. On the other hand, the kind of howl that is close enough to make the hair on the back of your neck stand up was left out of the "These are a few of my favourite things" song for a reason.

Right or wrong, wolves have made mankind nervous ever since we realized that the only thing they enjoy playing fetch with is your shin bone.

We have other good reasons to be nervous around wolves. I mean, when you think about it, wolves are all descendants of the dogs we could not train. And there is nothing scarier than that – especially if you have wall to wall carpeting, as I'm guessing our cave dwelling ancestors did.

Make no mistake, these were the dogs that didn't mind eating your slipper while you were wearing it.

Despite all this, I bet we started with the best intentions. We probably wanted a nice pack of wolves for our kids to play with so that they could one day learn to be responsible adults just like us.

A lot of things probably went wrong during this initial familiarization stage.

For instance, I bet our ancestors eventually came to the conclusion that it was far more difficult to poop and scoop after an entire pack than they previously thought. Also, their domesticated sheep kept going missing.

I bet the ancient dog owner soon realized that if he ever wanted to sit on the couch again, he would need to cut down on the

pack size. And let's not discount the complaints he would have to deal with from the neighbours, especially if they liked to go to bed early on nights with full moons. Or had cats.

From there, I suspect things only got worse.

The folks who tried to domesticate wolves probably realized that local deer herds diminished in size whenever they were around and that, despite their dog-like appearance, they didn't like to cuddle or wear sunglasses and a scarf when posing for pictograms.

This is evidenced by the fact that archaeologists have never discovered a single pictogram of a wolf wearing sunglasses and a scarf.

The point is somewhere along the way, wolves and man decided to part ways – which would have been fine if not for our mutual interest in eating the same sheep, deer and moose.

If you think that I am overstating this, imagine what a different relationship this would be if wolves decided to focus all their predatory energy on raiding your wife's garden and eating all the kale. I'm pretty sure we'd be best friends right now.

Sadly, that is not the case.

Instead, we compete for the same resources and all we get out of the deal is a few sports team names.

These days, hunters view the wolf with respect and sometimes hatred, depending on how their deer or moose season went. Wolves, of course, could care less.

If anything, they view us with suspicion and know enough to be cautious when we are near.

Sure, they have teeth and fangs, but we eat kale.

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

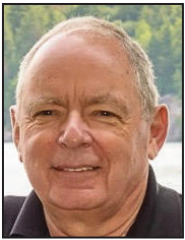
Hooray for Hollywood

MOVIES ARE welcome comfort during a nasty winter like the one we are experiencing. January and February are prime times to catch up on the newest and best movies, which will be celebrated Sunday at the annual Academy Awards.

I've got to see many of this year's nominated movies: *The Wife*, *A Star is Born*, *Green Book*, *Vice*, *Bohemian Rhapsody*, *Roma*.

This year's film crop has left me with the feeling that movies no longer are simply entertainment. Most of the movies I have seen this winter have had strong messages, or themes, delivered by an impressive line-up of film talent that seems to get stronger every year.

They are movies that don't leave you just feeling entertained. They are movies that leave you with thoughts and ideas worth thinking about.



JIM POLING SR.
From *Shaman's Rock*

For instance, *Green Book* shows readers how spending time with people unlike ourselves can help us overcome our prejudices. *Bohemian Rhapsody* delivers the message that we all need to learn who we are, accept it and get on with life. *Vice* shows how political corruption hurts the world, while *Roma* displays the hurts of class divisions.

Both *A Star Is Born* and *The Wife* are about troubled relationships held together by remarkable feminist strength.

I was thinking about all this when I walked past our television set yesterday and noticed that a rerun of the 1958 musical *South Pacific* was playing. It has always been a favourite, so I sat down, became engrossed and watched it right through.

Now that's real cool entertainment without the deep messages or themes, I thought as I listened to some of Rogers and Hammerstein's greatest songs. Then I reached the part in which the three main characters unexpectedly confront the issue of racism.

Some background for those who don't know, or remember, the movie: American military forces are gathered on an island in the South Pacific during the Second World War against Japan. Nellie Forbush (Mitzi Gaynor) is a navy nurse who has fallen in love with Emile de Becque (Rossano Brazzi), a French plantation owner. Joe Cable (John Kerr) is a Marine lieutenant who has fallen in love with a young Tonkinese woman.

Cable has decided he can't marry the girl because she is of a different race. Nellie has decided she can't marry de Becque because she has learned that he was married to a Polynesian woman who died and left him with two interracial children.

The three are together in a scene in which Nellie says she can't marry de Becque because of her feelings about him having married a Polynesian. She can't help herself because racism was born into her, she says.

Cable feels the same but bursts into the song *You've Got to be Carefully Taught*, one stanza of which goes:

"You've got to be taught to be afraid
Of people whose eyes are oddly made,
And people whose skin is a different shade,
You've got to be carefully taught."

People are not born racists, they learn to be, is a strong message delivered through music.

Cable and de Becque, convinced their lives are over because their loves cannot be fulfilled, go off together on a dangerous reconnaissance mission. Cable is killed but de Becque survives.

The movie ends with de Becque walking up the hill to his plantation and sees Nellie serving lunch to his two children. She has overcome her racist feelings and all ends well.

South Pacific was nominated for 10 awards in 1959 but won only one – for best sound.

It was not just an entertaining movie featuring classic musical numbers such as "Some Enchanted Evening" and "Bali Hai," but a movie that delivers an important message without beating viewers over the head.

It will be interesting to see what movies walk off with the golden statuettes Sunday evening. It is a safe bet that the winners not only will have been entertaining but will have delivered messages that are important to receive and ponder during these troubled times.

That's the wonderful thing about the movies. Not only are they a good place to go when the weather is snowy and cold. They tell us something about who we are and how we should conduct our lives.

Good work Hollywood! Keep them coming.

The vestibular system

IFIND THE human body absolutely fascinating. We move from place to place with little thought. We breathe with no thought at all. Don't even get me started on our beating hearts! It's overwhelming the number of systems that are constantly at work to keep us going day in and day out!

Recently I was listening to a podcast about balance and I was reminded that we all have a vestibular system. It provides us with our sense of balance and our awareness of spatial orientation. The basics are that this system is made up of a series of canals, located in our inner ears, containing fluid that moves over nerve cells to inform our brain where we are spatially. The image that comes to mind is the gauge in planes, the altitude indicator, that shows the plane's position in relation to the horizon.

The actions of this complex system have to be developed. Watch a child taking their first steps. It's trial and error until the communication between all of the systems inform our brain if we're upside down, right side up or anything in between. It's an ongoing process of modifications with every new skill we learn that requires balance.

Vertigo is a common vestibular disorder. It is generally a symptom of balance disorders that are caused by things like ear infections, motion sickness and head trauma. It's a sensation of spinning dizziness that can result in nausea and vomiting. In some cases even walking is impossible. Vertigo will often

clear up on its own depending on its root cause. Seeking medical attention is a good idea to determine what is really going on so that the suffering is minimized.

There are ways to keep your vestibular system working well. It comes back to the "use it or lose it" school of thought. As adults we don't tend to hang upside down the way we did as children. That makes us far too comfortable in the upright position. Break that mould.

The vestibular system works with our vision and strength (trunk, hip and ankle) to keep us balanced in all situations. Keeping our muscles strong and our joints mobile is key. In doing that we often get into a variety of positions (think the downward dog in yoga) that will roll that fluid around in our

inner ears.

Another great thing to try is closing your eyes while standing. Start on two feet (in a safe spot), and then try it on one foot. Pay attention to how your body reacts when the visual information is removed. It's a simple exercise that will keep your vestibular system connected and working.

Every little challenge we can create goes a long way in keeping us balanced and moving forward in a healthy way.

Something to think about.

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Sun shines on Dorset Snowball

DORSET NEWS

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The annual Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival took place Feb. 15 and 16. On Friday night families gathered at the Dorset Ice Palace for the Family Skating Party. It was a beautiful night for skating and everyone had a great time.

Volunteers were up early Saturday morning setting up for the day. Everyone was excited to see the sun after the crazy weather we experienced during the week. The lineup for the pancake breakfast was out the door and everyone left with full stomachs. The parade was the biggest it has been in years, with lots of new floats as well as some familiar ones.

Carnival-goers enjoyed hot food, a bake sale, silent auction, birds of prey, animal calls,

horse-drawn wagon rides, a bouncy house, skating, a hockey shootout and so much more.

Once the sun went down it was time for Hockey Night in Dorset. The Dorset Hounds faced off against Lake of Bays for the annual event at the Dorset Ice Palace. Ron Ryan dropped the ceremonious first puck and the game began. After three intense periods, Lake of Bays were declared the winners.

It's safe to say that we couldn't have asked for a better weekend for the Dorset Snowball. The sun was shining and the temperature hovered right around -5 the entire day. Huge thank you to the many volunteers who made this event a success and to everyone who came out to enjoy the carnival. See you there next year!

Happy birthday John Keown, Sarah Jane Johnson and Lee Ross. Happy anniversary to Ted and Gail Hope. For birthdays and submissions please send them to burgesslt@me.com.

Music festival open for entries

This year's Haliburton Highlands Music Festival will take place on Thursday, April 25 and Friday, April 26, and it's time to get your entries in!

The deadline for entries is Thursday, March 21.

There are classes for children and adults in piano, voice, and brass, woodwind, and stringed instruments, as well as choirs and instrumental groups.

Soprano Maureen Ferguson will adjudicate the vocal and choral classes, Amy Boyes returns again this year to adjudicate the piano classes, and John Kraus, conductor of the

Northumberland Symphony, will adjudicate the instrumental classes.

If you don't have a syllabus and entry form and would like one, please contact Elaine Bell at 705-457-9422 or bushandbell@gmail.com and she will send one to you.

If you have any other questions about the festival, please contact Lauren McInnes at 705-457-5115 or laurenmc@me.com.

You can keep in touch with all the latest news about the festival on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/haliburtonhighlandsmusicfestival/

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Councillors raise concerns over process

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community and council.

Lorrie Blanchard, CAO and treasurer, summarized financing information to open the special meeting.

Project construction costs include \$9,497,487 for the arena and main lobby and \$2,997,083 for a multi-use activity facility for a total of \$12,494,570. Additionally, added value items could total \$252,800, construction phase financing costs are \$155,000 and estimated legal fees total \$50,000, bringing the estimated project prior to numbers being refined to \$12,952,370. The construction interest rate as of January 2019 is 2.69 per cent. In what Blanchard called a worst case scenario, with no government funding or fundraising toward the project, and based on the 2019 interest rates, the amount to be borrowed would be \$11.9 million over 25 years, representing a need for a 5.11 per cent increase in the levy. The average residential waterfront property assessed at \$414,000 would be \$57.85. A residential property assessed at \$212,000 would see an increase of \$29.67.

"That is assuming that we are going to raise this entire differential in one year," said Blanchard.

Councillor Bob Carter said he thought two things were important to recognize, in terms of perspective of risk.

He said an interest rate can only be locked in upon the construction's completion, theoretically in the early fall of 2020, so he said there was a risk of what could happen to the interest rate in that interim period, and called for a sensitivity analysis on that point. Secondly, Carter noted that 2021 would be the first year in which annual costs would really be clear.

“

It's going to give our community an absolute wonderful boost.

— COUNCILLOR JEAN NEVILLE

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Crunching Blanchard's numbers, Carter said it works out on an annualized basis, assuming that there are no cost overruns and assuming the interest rate stays the same, that waterfront property owners who pay about \$1,450 in municipal tax now would pay about \$162 a year as a result of the arena project, and if interest rates went up one per cent, it would cost \$178 a year.

"So that means that 10 to 12 per cent of somebody's municipal taxes would be going to pay just for this arena," he said, noting he was basing this on the annualized rate for the next 25 years. "It really comes down to, do we want to be paying 11 to 12 per cent of everybody's taxes going for this arena?"

"Except for the presumption that you made on two accounts ... that it's based on zero fundraising, and zero government money," said Devolin.

"It is based on zero fundraising and zero government money," said Carter. "But right now, I don't in front of me have anybody who has pledged a dollar, that I know of, and I don't have any government that has pledged a dollar towards us ... If we had

money in hand, right now, or if the government, who is sort of cutting back in all ways was to come up to us and offer some money to us, that changes everything we're looking at, yes, but the fact is that I'm just trying to tell people what it is from a risk management perspective."

Neville responded to Carter's waterfront property tax estimate.

"The option to do nothing is not on the table, we have to spend money on that building or not use it at all," she said. "I think this is the opportunity to do it and do it properly. It's for [the future]. It's going to give our community an absolute wonderful boost. I am totally behind it, and as a waterfront residential owner, I mean, our taxes are the highest of anybody's in the municipality and I can't see that, what Councillor Carter brought to light, is going to cripple me."

Carter said he and Neville were virtually neighbours, on the same lake.

"It's not going to cripple me either," he said. "But I believe we are here to represent everybody in the community."

Carter said some of the information felt misleading, and joked that the discussion was like Fun With Figures.

"I don't want people to be just thinking that we're only having to be paying this incremental, because we've already added \$320,000 to the taxes last year and \$535,000 this year, and the monies you're talking about are over and above that," he said.

Councillor Pam Sayne also voiced her concern about the project prior to the vote.

"We have a very unpredictable future in this community in terms of what to expect in the years to come," she said. She noted unknown results of LIDAR testing in the area, and what it will cost to mitigate effects

of climate change on infrastructure. She said she was against the fact the council had taken just one bid, and also that there hadn't been a needs assessment conducted.

"There are a lot of things still out there that we haven't discussed," she said.

Sayne said she was aware there was much wealth and generosity in the community, but also said she felt the township was "putting a lot of people out," who might be living on low wages.

"I'm concerned because there's such a divide in this community, at the same time we have these incredible expenses," she said. "I just think that we are polarizing, and I think it's the way we went about this. Nobody argues - we all want to see an arena, but I think we've polarized the community in how we've done that."

"We have a 50-year asset that we've enjoyed in Minden, that I think we need to be responsible as stewards of the public purse to reshape ... for the next 50 years in our community," Devolin responded. "Minden Hills is growing at twice the provincial rate of growth. We've had very good financial stewardship here, we don't have any external debt, not a dime. The province looks at communities like ours and our ability to carry debt, and it's three times what we're considering here, so in terms of, if you were going out to borrow money to buy a house and they said you could have \$300,000 to buy it, and you bought a \$100,000 house, I don't think there's many of us that would say it's a stretch within our financial means to carry that. I guess I have a different perspective."

Devolin said he considered the walking track and the multi-sports facility and com-

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Deferring arena project would cause issues: Coleman

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munity hub, which would be available year-round, “huge assets” for the community of people who are “aging well.”

“Am I sympathetic to those that financially are challenged in our community? Certainly,” he said. “Whether we do or don’t build this community centre, I think is not going to have a large impact. I think in terms of what we do, with social support and programs that we have we can double our efforts to do a better job, to supplement them ... And we show that when there’s times of need and we have identified challenges that we have, that our public steps up.”

Devolin noted the money Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation has raised and said he thinks the same will be true for the arena project.

“I think we can raise substantial money for this, as a public fundraiser,” he said. “I think that we can potentially raise a million dollars.”

“I think this is a significant part of making this community evolve into the sort of things that most of us that live here and those that we would like to attract to come to our community are enticed by,” he said. “Do we have other significant challenges that we have today and we continue to have, absolutely ... For this time, I think it’s the right project for our community.”

He said the project had seen two task forces, and that stakeholders and strong voices for and against the project had been involved, that the validation phase had been undertaken, that people had had the opportunity to voice their opinions, and that due diligence had been done.

“We may differ in whether we think this is the cornerstone of what we should do in our community,” he said. “I think this is part of good long-term public policy for Minden Hills.”

He acknowledged that the scale of the project meant it was not surprising it had been contentious.

“You’re never going to be able to do the

perfect study to determine whether or not this is needed or not needed,” said Councillor Bob Carter. “You’re never going to be able to determine what’s the benefit of having this versus the cost of not having it. You’re not going to be able to do that. I understand there is a situation where we can’t do nothing. I don’t disagree with that whatsoever.”

Carter recalled growing up and playing sports but never using the town’s arena because he didn’t play hockey.

“Again, I know that not everybody is going to use the arena and not everything we build in the town is going to be used by everybody. There’s a lot of people who never go to the cultural centre, never go to the library, never go to Lochlin Hall, whatever it is. I’m not disputing that. It comes down to how much we have to take on as debt right now. If there’s fundraising and there’s people that are generous, let’s go out and get a commitment and see what that does to the numbers. I just don’t feel from my perspective that it’s responsible to be spending \$12.9 million on virtually anything. If we were talking about housing, which is a great need in this community, I would have problems with that. It’s a lot of money and I just don’t see how we can do it when we’re spending the rest of the day cutting our budgets and finding out what roads we can have and not have. It’s my perspective.”

“You’re absolutely right, we have to do something,” said Sayne. “Totally agree with that. I just think that we’re not listening to our community like we could be.” Sayne reiterated comments from earlier budget talks that day in which she said she didn’t feel council was addressing other concerns.

Mark Coleman, director of community services, read some of the responses from a survey that 481 residents took, noting that residents were in strong support of doing something with the arena.

“We got a strong sense from the open house that people wanted more, not less and that moves this community forward to being a modern community for the next 30 or 40 years,” he said.

Google Play card scam costs victim \$8,000

An area resident lost more than \$8,000 after being scammed by someone pretending to be from the CIBC bank fraud division.

Haliburton Highlands OPP is warning the public to be aware of the fraud, which involved convincing the victim to purchase Google Play cards.

On Thursday, Feb. 14, the scammer made a call to the victim pretending to work for the bank.

“The victim was told that bank accounts had been compromised and was then requested to help with the capture of suspects. The victim was manipulated into providing access to a personal computer and into providing banking information. This allowed the scammers to access personal accounts, and freely move money within the accounts,” a press release from the OPP states.

“The victim was told money had been deposited into their bank account and was then asked to withdraw money equivalent to the deposit and purchase the equivalent value in Google Play cards.”

This complicated scenario was intended to trick the victim into believing they were helping to catch scammers, rather than being scammed.

It turned out that the money the victim believed was deposited into their account, was

actually just moved out of one of their additional accounts, which means the money spent on Google Play cards was not deposited by the bank’s fraud division, but was actually the victim’s own money.

Const. Tim Negus said the Haliburton Highlands OPP has had four instances of victims purchasing Google Play cards.

Regarding general fraud calls to police: “There have been 73 reported frauds since January 2018 to date. Approximately 60 were actual fraud related,” he said.

The \$8,000 was the highest amount lost on Google Play cards he had seen locally.

Police remind the public not to provide banking information to anyone claiming to work for the bank; if they call, they will already have your information. Be suspicious if a caller asks for personal information.

Never provide remote access to your computer. If you have a problem with your computer, contact a trusted service company you know to assist you.

For further information on past and current scams you can visit the Canadian Anti-Fraud website at www.antifraudcentre-centreanti-fraude.ca/index-eng.htm or contact them by phone toll-free at 1-888-495-8501.

Staff

In his report to council, Coleman listed 10 potential implications of deferring the renewal project for another year or two including: staffing levels, grants that had been applied for, if approved, may not be able to be carried forward or available in the future; there was a risk of higher interest rate for financing; a community fundraising campaign in support of may be affected; ice and hall rental revenues would need to be adjusted back to 2018 levels with some loss, as some events/groups have already made arrangements to shift to alternative locations for summer/fall 2019, and the arena ice plant would require significant equipment maintenance and replacement at a cost of \$225,000 to maintain safe operations, “therefore utilizing significant funds from a reserve. This does not prevent a system failure in the event of major brine leak in the floor or header pipe.”

Should council decide to change the scope of the project, Coleman wrote, an updated design, validation report and budget would need to be developed and presented to council for approval, causing the project schedule and completion timelines to be significantly shifted into 2020 or 2021, and a phased project would result in higher overall project and borrowing costs upon completion.

“The work to date of the task force, consultations and feedback suggest that the option ‘to do nothing’ is not a viable option for the community and that the community desires without further delay, a renewed full size multipurpose facility,” said Coleman in his report. He encouraged council to approve the recommendations.

“To do anything otherwise, staff would strongly recommend that a decision be deferred until council seeks further legal counsel,” he wrote.

The current second draft of the 2019 community services department operating budget is \$865,325, but in his report, Coleman said any lengthy deferral, reduction or change in scope of the project would result in the operating budget being \$1,091,600 with the addition of ice plant repairs to be offset from a reserve and an engineer inspection report pending quote.

Former councillor Jeanne Anthon and arena task force member Diane Peacock, who were in the audience, led a round of applause after hearing the vote in favour of the project.

Council will discuss financing the project at a third round of budget talks to happen in March.



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday, March 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, this Application for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-026/18
Applicant: Catherine Clarke & Margaret Mockford
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 26, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Minden
Nature of the Application: Easement for Right-of-Way
2. File No. H-001/19
Applicant: Penelope Kiely
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 29, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Sherborne
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition
3. File No. H-002/19
Applicant: Alan & Penelope Kiely
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 29, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Sherborne
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 21st day of February, 2019.

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Children’s program celebrates 25 years

by ANGELICA INGRAM
SIRCH Community Services

When Juanita Miscio found out she was pregnant she couldn’t have imagined what her future was going to look like three years later.

A single mom of a three-year-old son, Miscio credits her accomplishments and journey as a mom to the support she received through the Community Action Program for Children (CAPC) run by SIRCH Community Services.

The CAPC program is for families with young children (under six) and is designed to help level the playing field for parents who are facing challenges such as limited income, social isolation, post-partum depression, or single parenting.

For a couple of hours each week, participants are invited to connect with other young families, learn about local resources and enjoy nutritious food. In Haliburton County, it’s usually the moms who attend.

Miscio says she is able to ask all sorts of questions and gain knowledge about local organizations, such as the YWCA, a local financial service, and Heat Bank, which have all helped her with things like her heating bills, learning about life insurance and more.

“It opens up these things I have been curious about, or I didn’t know that were available for me,” she said. “I find out new information constantly,” she said. “I was able to meet these

wonderful women. Lots of the women there I have gotten really close with; we have long lasting friendships.”

Miscio and her son Jaxon travel from Halls Lake to the weekly group meetings, which take place in Haliburton. She says living on the outskirts of the county can be isolating and difficult, especially since she doesn’t own a vehicle. But despite the distance, Miscio always tries her best to attend the weekly gatherings for the social benefits. SIRCH helps with the travel costs.

“It can be difficult when you’re stuck with a toddler,” she said. “At the very beginning I had a bit of post-partum and was feeling a lot of doubt when I first gave birth ... it was super difficult ... I was very isolated, I had no cell service or internet.”

Since 1994 CAPC has been delivered locally through SIRCH Community Services. The federal initiative was started to help children who face challenges that may put their health at risk, such as poverty, social and geographic isolation, substance use and family violence. Funded through the Public Health Agency of Canada, CAPC is currently serving 223,000 vulnerable children and parents in more than 3,000 communities across Canada.

Adrienne Clark has attended CAPC for more than a decade with her three daughters, who range from four to 10 years old. When Clark first heard about CAPC she was hesitant to go because of an anxiety disorder she has.

“Dealing with people was not something I

prefer,” she said. “But I needed the information and I needed to get out of the house and I needed to learn more about how to have a kid and what to do, so I went.”

Clark enjoyed the intimate environment the group offered and the relaxed atmosphere. Because her youngest daughter was born with a physical disability, Clark tried her best to get her to socialize with other children, which she found beneficial.

“In a small town, where everyone is so spread out, socialization is really important,” Clark said.

The mom of three has recommended CAPC to other moms she knows. She says her daughters, especially the youngest, absolutely loved attending and playing with the other children.

Clark credits part of the program’s success to the coordinator, Margaret Shelly, whom she calls “fantastic.”

Shelly has been coordinating the program for the past four years and has said that when she was a new mom, she faced similar situations as the moms in the local CAPC group.

“A group such as this would have been such a big help for me,” said Shelly. “It provides so much support, connection and tangible resources. I’ve had moms say that they don’t know what they’d do if they didn’t have the group; and I could tell they meant it. Many have benefited greatly just by making a new circle of friends and feeling less isolated.”

Shelly says CAPC is a godsend for many families and she has seen many successes come from it. She believes the program not only connects moms with local resources, but gives them a sense of confidence they may not have had before attending.

“One mom was connected to a home day-care agency while she was with CAPC and

has since opened her own licensed home daycare.”

Gena Robertson has been the executive director of SIRCH Community Services since its inception 30 years ago and knows how impactful just feeling connected is.

“Most of us have gone through vulnerable periods in our lives,” said Robertson. “And during those periods it helped to have someone to connect with, to be supportive, to give information and guidance. It helped to get concrete resources, learn new skills, and network with others who are experiencing similar things. CAPC provides those things to parents with young children who are facing challenges.”

Miscio recently applied to college to become a veterinary technician and is hoping to begin classes this fall. She is currently completing high school science classes through Contact North. It was the experience of going through a difficult breakup and becoming a single mom last year that pushed Miscio to follow her dreams and focus on going back to school.

“By the end of last year I thought I need to figure out a career for myself that can support me and my son,” she said. “Working in the resort business [her current job] it’s difficult, especially around here, it’s a seasonal job.”

Looking back at the person she was a few years ago and is now, Miscio says she is in a much better place. “It’s because of the CAPC group, it really helped me,” she said. “I was very skeptical in the beginning to go, but if you just give it that one chance just to go one day, it can change your life. It changed my life.”

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Measuring regional homelessness

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

This article is the third in a series on homelessness in Haliburton County leading up to an awareness event to be held throughout the county on March 1.

Homelessness Registry Week might be more than a year away, but it's never too early to raise awareness, said homelessness system resource co-ordinator for the City of Kawartha Lakes and County of Haliburton Jocelyn Blazey.

The registry week, which is a week long survey of people experiencing homelessness, is part of the 20,000 Homes Campaign.

It is a national change movement focused on ending chronic homelessness in 20 communities and housing 20,000 of Canada's most vulnerable homeless people by July 1, 2020.

Although there have been 19,999 housing move-ins reported as of Friday, Feb. 15, the effort is continuing.

The campaign was inspired by the 100,000 Homes and Built for Zero Campaigns but has been adapted to Canada.

"As part of that collaborative they were asking communities to conduct registry weeks in an effort to at least try and identify how many individuals you have in your community who are experiencing homelessness to figure out how many you need to support and house to figure out how far away we are to reach the 20,000," Blazey said.

The CKL-H has completed two registries, starting in 2016. They are one of 38 participating communities.

The next Homelessness Registry Week will be in 2020. It is expected to be held sometime between March and May, ensuring there is a baseline for results since housing needs are different in the winter months compared to spring and summer.

The decision to have a registry week every two years was based on the provincial mandate, which outlined a community must perform an enumeration every two years starting in 2018.

Unlike other areas where they conduct a one-day survey known as a point in time count, the Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton area surveys for a week to create a "by name list" to identify as many individuals as possible and obtain specific information on each individual surveyed.

"We know who the individual is by name and we then also know what our level of need in the community as a whole and so it creates an accountability to the system in the sense of we know your name and know this is what you need in terms of support so how can we support you?" she said.

Point in time counts take anonymous and generic information, which doesn't account for who the individual is and what their specific needs are.

"Since August 2016, we have added 206 individuals to the By Name List and 90 individuals from the BNL have found housing. There are currently 53 individuals still experiencing homelessness in the community who are being connected to supports and services," Blazey said in an email.

When asked about the effect of the 2018 registry week, Blazey said it's part of a larger process recently launched known as a co-ordinated entry system.

"So, essentially what it is is we're recognizing individuals, who aren't going to be homeless just for that one week where we do a registry week so we're trying to build a system where it allows us to identify individuals experiencing ... homelessness at any day at any time," she said. "So, we're building a co-

ordinated entry system ... we've worked with different community agencies so that individuals can [be] present there and be connected to the system and so we've seen some successes around implementing that system around the

community. We've also been able to collaborate with different agencies."

The overall approach by CKL-H ensures individuals with the greatest need will receive help first.

The sleeping in cars event takes place overnight on Friday, March 1 to raise awareness of the homelessness issue. Visit www.placesforpeople.ca for more information.

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UPCOMING
**Community
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CFUW Guest Speaker: Cara Steele

When: Thursday, Feb. 21, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Where: Abbey Gardens
Cara Steele will be speaking at the Canadian Federation of University Women Haliburton Highlands meeting. She will be highlighting the new developments at Abbey Gardens and will talk about future ideas including specifics about the Abbey Retreat Centre. Presentation begins at 1:40 and runs to 2:40 p.m. after which Heather will be offering a snowshoe hike for those interested. All women who are considering becoming a CFUW member are welcome to join us.
Cost: Free.

A travelog by Haliburton resident Sean Pen-nylegion

When: Thursday February 21, 1:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Museum
He takes us on a tour of three South-East Asian Countries: Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam
Presented by Haliburton County Historical Society

Gord Kidd & Friends, Ian Pay & Brad Sales and featuring Don Stiver on steel guitar

When: Saturday, Feb. 23, 3 to 6 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom
Cost: \$5 cover charge for non-members
50/50 draw at 6 p.m.
There will be no dinners offered at these events.

Guest Chef Dinner

Date: Saturday, Feb. 23, doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Location: Minden Community Kitchen, 24 Newcastle St., Minden, back entrance
Chef Aaron Walker from McKecks will provide the meal and the staff. \$30 for a three-course meal. Tickets available at Sassy Digs and Pharmasave in Minden. All the proceeds go to the Minden Community Food Centre (Minden Food Bank).
Contact: Marilynne Lesperance, 705-286-2990

National Cupcake Day

When: Monday, Feb. 25, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Where: Minden Animal Hospital
Minden Animal Hospital is once again baking scrumptious cupcakes to benefit Muskoka OSPCA Bracebridge on National Cupcake Day. Pre orders are welcome until Feb. 22. Don't have a sweet tooth? Donations can be made by visiting National Cupcake Day. Search for the team "MAH Fur Pets."

Food Handler Course

When: Tuesday, Feb. 26, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) in Haliburton.
This course teaches participants how to handle and prepare food safely. Upon successful completion, participants receive a certificate (valid for a period of five years) indicating they are registered as a certified food handler. Cost is \$40 per person. For more information and to confirm space availability, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577.

Hawks wrestlers pin down second

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

It was the only wrestling meet hosted by the Hawks this year and the team made good with their opportunity in front of friends, family and peers during the COSSA seeding meet on Thursday, Feb. 14 in Haliburton.
Head coach Paul Klose, who co-coaches with Dan Fockler, said it was a winning day for his wrestlers, who finished second overall as a team and will all advance to COSSA.
Thirteen wrestlers competed: Charlotte Paton, Connie Oh, Aidan Coles, Nic Graham, Ben Pilcher, Eli Samson, Austin

Weller, Tyler McGovern, Owen Wootton, Ethan Coles, Logan Heaven, Nick Phippen and Corin Gervais.
Eight Hawks wrestlers earned a top four seed.
Paton won gold in the 64 kilogram weight class to lead the team and will enter COSSA this coming week as the top seed. Silver medals and two seeds were earned by Aidan Coles (95 kilograms), Weller (72 kilograms), Heaven (57.5 kilograms), Gervais (47.5 kilograms) while bronze medal was earned by Graham (89 kilograms) and Phippen (54 kilograms) earned a fourth seed.
The seeding earned provides the wrestlers with a "better spot in the COSSA draw."



Red Hawks wrestler Nic Graham grapples with Macil McFarlane of CCI in the 89 kilogram weight class at the COSSA seeding meet on Thursday, Feb. 14 in Haliburton. The Hawks boasted 13 wrestlers, who represented weight classes 47.5 kilograms to 95 kilograms. The championship, which included a field of 165 wrestlers from 15 schools, provides high schoolers the opportunity to advance to all-provincials. / **DARREN LUM** Staff



Red Hawks wrestler Eli Samson wrestles against Jordan Crawford of CSS in the 83 kilogram weight class

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Red Hawks wrestler Charlotte Paton takes position over her opponent Serena MacFarlane in the 64 kilogram weight class



Hawks lose close game against Thunder

Red Hawks defenceman Alex Little, who scored the team's lone goal, pushes Cobourg St. Mary Thunder player Drew Clapperton from finding a lane to the net during Kawartha High School League action on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Hawks lost 2-1 to the Thunder and a chance to take first place in the league, including a bye through the quarter-finals and the right to host the Kawartha championship. The team will now face a sixth place Kawartha team in a best of two series (away and home), which will be decided with an overtime, if the series is tied after two games./

DARREN LUM Staff



Red Hawks forward Joe Boice looks to break free from the back checking of Thunder player Drew Clapperton.



Thunder defenceman Gavyn Stevenson follows Red Hawks forward Desi Davies.



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Men – Gary Hunt – 207

This Week's Highs – Women

High Single – Ren Higgins – 223

High Single Hcp – Ren Higgins – 275

High Triple – Chris Cote – 548

High Triple Hcp – Pat Hunt – 678

This Week's Highs – Men

High Single – Gary Hunt – 269

High Single Hcp – Gary Hunt – 285

High Triple – Gary Hunt – 713

High Triple Hcp – Gary Hunt – 761

MINOR HOCKEY

Atom A

This past weekend the Ridgewood Ford and Cottage Country Building Supplies Atom A team played games two and three of their second round playoff series. Game 1 was an afternoon start in Minden and following a Novice win the Storm Atoms were looking for a similar result.

Moments after puck drop the Storm was on fire as a crisp breakout pass up the middle by Toby Posti set up a fast moving rush headed deep into Wolves' territory. Austin Latanville timed his backhand saucer pass to Josh Scheffee who found an open short side for the first goal of the game.

The Storm would go on and trade goals back and forth with the Wolves to make the game interesting. Goals by Parker Simms assisted by Scheffee and Liam Harrison and an unassisted Jace Mills marker had the game tied at three.

A fourth Wolves goal happened with a well timed shift change where an elusive forward managed to sneak in behind Storm defence all alone ending the effort as a 4-1 Storm loss.

The Family Day weekend series continued in Shelburne on Sunday and the Atoms came to play. An intense forecheck led to yet another chaotic goal by Deagan Davison assisted by Evan Jones who worked hard to make it happen.

A second goal by MacLean Rowden lit the lamp as a rebound from an Austin Latanville shot that was too much for the Wolves netminder to handle. On the power play Jace Mills redirected a tight angle shot attempt by Josh Scheffee to make the score 3-1 in the second.

The game was tied at three headed into the third period. Josh Scheffee took another shot and missed the net to our benefit as Evan Jones was right at the back door picking up the behind the net bounce and banging it in the net.

Chase Winder denied multiple chances including a definitive wrap around attempt that would have had the Storm chasing the lead.

Goal number five was all about Caleb Manning's rush up through the neutral zone on his own ending in the paint as he lifted the puck over a seemingly tamed Wolves goalie breaking the tie. With the net empty both Parker Simms and Jace Mills sailed wrist shots right on target from down the ice. Final score of 7-4.

Catch the Atoms in action in Haliburton this upcoming Saturday for a 5:30 p.m. start as they fight to tie up the series.

By Pasi Posti

Midgets

Congratulations to the Highlander and Ed Smolen Family Dentistry Highland Storm Midgets as they move onto the semi-finals by winning the series 3-1, against the Stayner Cyclones. The Midgets travelled to Stayner for Game 4, Feb. 16 and demolished the Cyclones 5-0. The Storm wasted no time and took control of the game from the start. They put the pressure on and kept it on.

Early in the first period, Smith scored on a power play, with help from Dollo. A few minutes later, MacNaull chipped in the second goal, assisted by Dollo and Smith. The second period was no different, the Storm

dominated every play. The Cyclones retaliated and the period was filled with penalties. Dollo got the next goal by manoeuvring nicely from deep in the Storm's end and found the opening.

The Storm took advantage of a power play and made it a 4-0 game with seconds left on the clock. Give and go action led to the stick of Dollo and his point shot scored, ending the second period.

The third period had a busy penalty box, as the Cyclones' frustration grew. Midway through, Haedicke finished things off when he picked up the rebound from Clements shot and made it 5-0.

Great job to the entire team, Sisson was outstanding in net, each player did their part and contributed to the victory.

By Suzanne Haedicke

Peewee A

On Thursday, Feb. 14, the JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A hosted the Shelburne Wolves in Game 2 of the quarter finals. It was a close 2-1 win for the Storm. Goals were scored by Cooper Coles and Addison St Cyr. The Peewee A team's next game is on Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. in Shelburne where they hope to sweep the series in Game 3.

By Amber Card

Novice

The Haliburton TimberMart/Haliburton Hockey Haven Sports Camp Novice Reps played their third game against the

Shelburne Wolves on Saturday in Minden. The Storm was up two games and just needed one more win to move on but the Wolves proved they weren't going down without a fight.

There were many back and forth plays in the first period but no goals scored. Near the end of the second, Isaac Trotter picked up a fumbling puck in front of the net and fired in the first goal for the Storm. Luke Gruppe scored a similar goal in the third, followed by a top left shot in front of the net by Henry Neilson.

The Storm took the game with a 3-0 win and they will move on to the semi-finals. Congratulations to goalie Carter Braun for his shutout and good luck to the team in the next round!

By Sara Gruppe

Peewee LL

On Saturday, the LL Peewee Home Hardware team travelled to Burk's Falls to take on the Almaguin Ice Devils. Storm came strong in the first period scoring three quick goals with Nathan Harrison starting the scoring assisted by Wyatt Raposo.

Daniel Stephen scored an unassisted goal. Weston Bowker scored assisted by Emery Bagshaw. The Storm's scoring continued with Raposo scoring assisted by Harrison. Almaguin managed to get one with three minutes left of the first to which the Storm responded with two more unassisted goals by Harrison and Stephen.

In the second, the Storm did allow any goals against them but saw two more un-

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sisted goals by Stephen and Raposo. Alex Hendry scored us other point assisted by Mikayla Sisson. Bagshaw finished the second period with a goal assisted by Raposo.

Almaguin was able to get one more in the third but the Storm's Stephen added two more, making the final score 12-2 for the Storm! Next Saturday, Walkers Home Hardware Peewees travel to Gravenhurst to play South Muskoka at 11:15 a.m.

By Marita Bagshaw

Novice 2 LL

The Dewayen Simms Construction LL Novice 2 travelled to Bracebridge on Saturday, Feb. 16 to battle the South Muskoka Envotek.

It was an action-packed back and forth game. Envotek was first on the scoreboard and took a 2-0 lead early in the second. Mason Latanville tied the game up with two unassisted goals in the end of the second.

Latanville landed himself another hat trick early in the third, with an assist going to Brycen Harrison. Envotek tied it back up a minute later. With a minute and 30 seconds left in the game Harrison landed one in the net, with assists going to Latanville and Colten Simms.

Thirty seconds later McCartney Saunders landed himself an unassisted goal, helping the Storm take a 5-3 lead. With 21 seconds left of the game Envotek snuck another goal in. Final score 5-4 Storm.

The LL Novice 2 is back in action with their final two games of the season.

Saturday Feb. 23 they travel to Huntsville to take on the Huntsville Near North at 9:50 a.m. and host the South Muskoka Envotek on Sunday, Feb. 24 in Minden at 12 p.m.

By Stephanie Harrison

Tykes

On Saturday, the Storm Tyke team had their Bernie Nicholls home tournament in Haliburton.

At 8:40 a.m. they played their first game against the Lakefield Chiefs. The Storm ended up with eight wicked goals led by Nixon Ecclestone and Rowan Johnson. Great defensive plays were made by Blake Hutchinson only allowing Lakefield four goals!

Storm took to the ice again at 11 a.m. against Manvers Mustangs. Storm led the scoring with Ecclestone scoring five goals and Matthew Mueller scoring at hat trick, Johnson scoring two more, Nash Wilson scoring one and Kelson Bagshaw scoring one.

More great defensive plays were evident by Cooper Gilbert allowing only six goals against. The Storm's last game of the day was against the Lindsay Muskies where goalie Jackson Robichaud earned his first shutout of the year!

The Storm's goals were scored by Brady Burke, Ecclestone, Mueller, Johnson totaling 21 goals in 40 minutes of play!

The Tyke team plays Saturday in Bracebridge at 9 a.m. against South Muskoka. Sunday they are in Port Carling for a fun day!

By Marita Bagshaw

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REPORTING TO: Board of Directors of Staانworth Non-Profit Housing Corporation

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Property Manager will be totally accountable for all daily operations at assigned properties, ensuring compliance with all legislative and reporting requirements. Maintains high occupancy rates and maximum rental revenue. Ensures that maintenance, budgeting and bookkeeping are preformed in a timely and cost-effective manner. Oversees tenant relations to contribute to a safe and high quality living environment for all residents.

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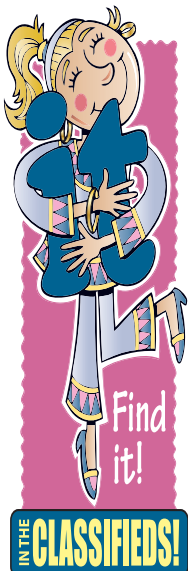
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One cannot help but feel a great deal of concern when reports are received from major centres to the south about the shortages of whole blood stocks. In some cases elective surgery must be postponed to help maintain adequate supplies for emergencies. As well, special appeals are made on an increasing basis just to keep sufficient stocks on hand. Several weeks ago we received a suggestion from one of our readers that people in the Highlands would be eager to donate blood, but clinics are never held here. Times reporter David Swail attempted to find out why this situation exists. This is his report.

There is one resource in the world that is plentiful in every community but never exists in adequate supply - whole blood. If you live in a community like Minden, doing your part by giving blood is unfortunately not as easy as rolling up your sleeve and looking for a hospital. Even successful urban clinics are threatened by increasing costs, and rural volunteers are left out by the problems of transporting blood.

Every clinic depends on specialized equipment and personnel, and not every hospital has the resources to set up one of its own. While each clinic represents a huge expense in operating costs, moving doctors, nurses and equipment to rural areas would create even greater costs, and there is never

a guarantee that there will be enough donors to make the move worthwhile. For a village like Minden, therefore, the only solution is to move the donors to the clinics.

For Jim Burton, regional chairman of the Red Cross for the Minden area, the operation of blood donor clinics is a full time concern. Burton looks after thirteen Red Cross branches in the region, of which only four - Peterborough, Lindsay, Belleville and Bancroft - are equipped to conduct clinics. Among these four, only Peterborough and Lindsay have the blood banks to store what the clinics yield. That means Minden and Haliburton residents all rely on the whole blood supply in Lindsay.

Burton is well acquainted with the problems of transport-

ing blood. He explains that, even under controlled conditions, blood can only be safely transported for about one hour. Even when blood is needed in Peterborough from the larger Toronto supplies, it is flown. As a result, it is the patient who is transported to the blood, and not the reverse.

The idea of a helicopter to fly Minden blood to Lindsay banks hasn't escaped Burton, but it is simply too expensive to make itself pay. Burton explains, "Blood is like cars or steel or anything else - when it comes to supply, it all boils down to dollars."

The ideal solution for the Highlands is transporting the donors to Lindsay by bus, an idea that has been tried in

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Snowarama raises record amount

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Close to \$24,000 was raised in the annual snowmobile run Saturday. Last year the same event raised \$21,000, and so the increase can be classified as an impressive jump.

Sponsored by the Minden and Haliburton Rotary Clubs, the snowmobile run is held each year to help raise money for crippled children in Ontario. Held in conjunction with similar events throughout the province, the snowarama attracts riders from all over Ontario. Prior to the ride they collect sponsorships based on the number of kilometres they complete. The course is 100 kilometres long. Then they take to the trails to fulfill their commitment to their sponsors and the Easter Seal Society.

This year the Haliburton County Snowarama was divided into two groups, with separate trails being run by riders starting in Haliburton and Minden. According to the organizer, Lionel Walker of Minden, dividing the groups meant the trails stayed in better shape. The event was enhanced this year as well by ideal weather conditions.

There were 141 riders registered on the Minden

portion of the ride with \$13,700 being pledged here. In

Haliburton, 53 riders took part raising \$8,700.

The rider carrying the most pledges was Dell Taylor of Beaverton who completed the Minden loop with \$1,565.50 being earned. Actually, Dell, who has brought in a record number of pledges the past few years, was unable to take part this year. His wife rode the 100 kilometre course for him. Several days before the event Dell suffered a broken leg, and while he was able to attend the registration Saturday morning, all he could do once it was complete was watch as his wife headed off onto the trail.

The rider with the second highest number of pledges was Bill Seedhouse of Mississauga.

A number of riders who had planned to take part in the Gravenhurst Snowarama rode in the local one. The Muskoka event was cancelled because of the heavy snow.

Many of the participants joined other members of the community at the community centre for a dance sponsored by the Minden Rotary Club.

It is expected the entire Ontario Snowarama campaign will raise over one million dollars this year.



Students from Mr. Irish's Grade five class at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden enjoy a respite from the confines of the classroom. The cookouts were part of the Winter Carnival celebrations held at the school.

Highlands balloon takes off

The manager of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, Bob Stinson, has confirmed that the Chamber will participate

with the Sky Slider owner in promoting the Haliburton Highlands.

Members of the board of directors of the Chamber

agreed to go along with the program at a meeting this week. The Chamber had been seeking \$8000 in voluntary support from its members for the program. According to Stinson \$7,476 has now been raised and the board feels it can make a commitment to proceed.

The Chamber will fly a

large banner from a hot air balloon, over 16 Toronto area shopping malls during the spring and early summer. The banner on the other side of the balloon will promote the Sky Slider.

In conjunction with the balloon's appearance at a mall, a booth will be set up inside the mall where

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The Chamber will continue to canvas members seeking additional funding for the project. According to Stinson, funds over the \$8,000 limit will be used to manufacture a top quality display booth.

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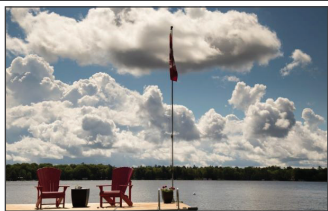
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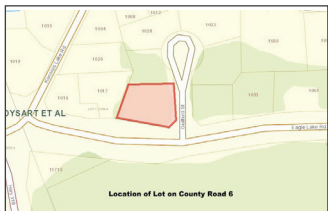
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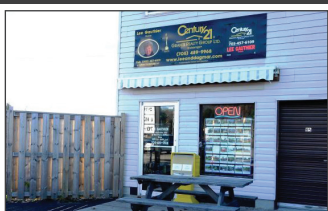
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